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Death rate of Berlin compared with other cities.

I have the honor to report that the death rate of Berlin for the week ended September 12 was lower than it has been since the middle of July, amounting, calculated on the year, to 16 per thousand of the population, being thereby, however, considerably higher than for the corresponding week of last year, in which it amounted to 14 per thousand. Of the large German cities during this week only the following showed more favorable figures than Berlin, viz, Hamburg, Barmen, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Stuttgart, Hanover, and Charlottenburg (with 10.5). The death rate of Schöneberg (17 per thousand), Karlsruhe, Munich, Cologne, and Magdeburg was not much higher. On the other hand, the death rate of Breslau, Nuremberg, Leipzig, Dresden, and Stettin was considerably higher than the Berlin rate, the death rate of Vienna was somewhat higher than that of Berlin, while the rates of London and Paris were lower than the Berlin figure.

The decrease in the number of deaths was confined exclusively to children in the first year of life. The infant death rate fell from 7.2 per year and mille to 6 in the week under discussion, being lower than that of Munich and Hamburg and not even the half of the Breslau, Leipzig, and Nuremberg rate. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs showed again a slight increase, causing 42 deaths. Acute intestinal diseases showed a decrease, claiming 119 victims (as against 168 in the foregoing week). Phthisis pulmonalis caused 61 deaths, and 51 persons succumbed to cancer. There further occurred 2 deaths from scarlet fever, 2 deaths from diphtheria, 1 death from measles, 3 deaths from typhus, and 23 persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon R. H. Peters reports as follows for the week ended September 28, 1903: Present officially estimated population, about 3,500; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 22	Spero	17	0	0	0
22	Anselm	41	2	0	11

The steamship *Anselm* cleared from Puerto Barrios.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Outgoing quarantine transactions at Honolulu and Hilo.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports as follows:

Outgoing quarantine transactions at this port for the week ended September 26, 1903, were as follows:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	7
Vessels disinfected	4

Cabin passengers inspected	59
Steerage passengers inspected	29
Crew inspected	97
Pieces of steerage passengers' baggage disinfected and passed	45
Pieces of crew's baggage disinfected and passed	46
Hides and skins disinfected	1,694
Pieces of freight disinfected	9
Passengers and crew declined certification on account of fever	4

Outgoing quarantine transactions at Hilo, Hawaii, for the week ended September 19, 1903, were as follows:

Steamers disinfected, then inspected and passed	1
Cabin passengers inspected and passed	6
Crew inspected and passed	40
Pieces of baggage disinfected	90

Suspected case of plague taken from steamship Nippon Maru.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer reports, September 29, 1903, as follows:

I have the honor to report the arrival here yesterday of the steamship *Nippon Maru*, from oriental ports, with a suspected case of pestis ambulans on board. The vessel was placed in quarantine, her cargo lightered, the sick man and the steerage passengers taken to the quarantine station, and the patient's quarters fumigated. The case will be given further study and the results cabled to Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming at San Francisco, Cal., before the steamer's arrival at that port.

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows for the week ended October 3, 1903: Present officially estimated population, about 4,000. No deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 28	Rosina	29	0	0	0
28	Uller	16	0	0	0
30	Beatrice	22	0	0	0
Oct. 2	Origen	24	0	0	0
3	Frutera	25	3	0	0

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows for the week ended September 29, 1903: Present officially estimated population, 2,125. No deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever of mild form and intestinal diseases. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.